(b) if so, what role the Indian Government is playing for a settlement between the two countries so as to stop war and to settle the dispute mutually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The continuance of Iran-Iraq war now in its seventh year has indeed posed a challenge of grave concern to the Nonaligned Movement but has at no stage posed a threat to the existence of NAM as both Iran and Iraq continue to be its respective and active Members. From the outset, the Government of India has played an active role, both bilaterally and within the Movement, with a view to bringing this tragic conflict to an end. At the Non aligned Foreign Ministers Conference in New Delhi in February, 1981, India participated in the Ministerial Group of four countries charged with the task of attempting to secure a negotiated settlement. At the New Delhi Summit in March, 1983, Smt. Indira Gandhi as Chairperson of the Movement issued an appeal to end the war. This appeal was renewed by India in April, 1986 Ministerial Meeting of the Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau in New Delhi.

**Laying of fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border**

1328. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh Government is not cooperating with the Government of India in the matter of laying of the fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) whether the issue was discussed during Bangladesh President's recent visit to India; and

(c) if so, what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The fence is to be built entirely on Indian territory. The cooperation of any other country, accordingly, does not arise.

(b) and (c) The problem of the continuing illegal immigration from Bangladesh into India was raised by the Indian side and the Bangladesh side was informed of the steps proposed to be taken to tackle this problem.

**Dropping of Napalm bombs on civilian areas by the Sri Lankan Air Force personnel**

1329. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that napalm bombs were dropped on the civilian areas by the Sri Lankan air force personnel; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have taken up the matter with the Sri Lankan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. P. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have seen press reports about the reported dropping napalm bombs by Sri Lankan air force personnel on civilian areas. There is, however, no definite information with Government to confirm these reports.

(b) Government have deplored all acts of violence and have repeatedly conveyed to the Sri Lankan authorities their concern at the violence directed against civilians by the security forces. The question of use of napalm has not, however, been specifically taken up due to lack of confirmation regarding the same.

**P.M.'s visit to Pakistan**

1330. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased o state whether the Prime Minister has recently received any request from the Government of Pakistan to visit that country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): During Presient Zia ul Haq's visit to India on December 17, 1985, it had been envisaged that PM would visit Pakistan during 1986. However, some of the measures which were to culminate in Prime Minister's visit to Pakistan, as mutually agreed during President Zia's visit have not yet been taken by the Government of Pakistan. therefore, no firm plans have been made so far in this regard.

**Incentives for project exports and consultancy services**

1331. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are offering certain major incentives for project exports and consultancy services; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) With a view to providing support to project exports and consultancy services, it has been decide to:

(i) grant project assistance to the tune of 10 per cent of the net foreign exchange earnings from the portion of the contracts in respects of industrial turnkey and civil construction projects as well as for export of consultancy services;

(ii) grant Market Development Assistance for reimbursement of cost of bids for turnkey construction projects and consultancy services on a graduated scale for different overseas markets; and

(iii) grant enhanced rates of assistance on a graduated scale to consultancy organisations on the approved recurring expenditure incurred for opening and operating offices.

**India as a base for International Drug Trafficking**

1332. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has emerged as a major staging point in international drug trafficking;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total quantity of narcotic drugs seized during the last three years and up to 29th July, 1986 and value thereof in the international market;

(d) what is the number of persons apprehended under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985; and

(e) what further steps are proposed to be taken to check drug trafficking effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that India has, for some time past, been increasingly facing problem of transit traffic in drugs, especially in herion and hashish. This is mainly due to the fact that the Near and Middle East Region adjacent to our country, in recent years has emerged as a major source of supply of illicit drugs.

(c) The total quantity of narcotic drugs seized in India during the years 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto 29-7-1986) is given in the Statement Appended. (See Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 82].

No precise value of the drugs seized can be furnished, as the illicit market price varies widely from place to place and time to time, depending upon the purity of the drug, local demand and supply position, place of origin, etc.

(d) As per reports received by the Narcotics Commissioner of India Gwalior, the number of persons arrested for narcotic offences under